GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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PERIODICAL REPORTS FROM COAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been receiving the periodical reports from various coal companies particularly Western Coalfields Ltd., Eastern Coalfields Ltd. etc. ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the functioning and net profit earnings of the various coal companies in the country ;

(d) whether the Government have the updated statistical details of the total expenditure incurred on the development of the coal units in the country during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. This Department has been receiving periodical reports from Coal India Ltd., subsidiaries ofCoal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.including monthly d.os. from Chairman/ CMDs of the concernedcompanies to Secretary (Coal) which reflects the physical/financial performance of the company during the month and cumulative upto the month of the related financial year.

(c) : The following strategies have been formulated to improve the functioning and net profit earnings of the various coal companies in the country :

(1) To open new mines and increase efficiency and productivity in the existing mines by modernisation, application of new technologies and to ensure timely availability of inputs and infra-structural facilities.

(2) To take steps to remove the bottlenecks in land acquisition and forest land clearance for speedier implementation of coal projects.

(3) To take steps to securitise the outstanding coal sale dues of coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) against defaulting SEBs.

(4) To take steps in co-ordination with the Railways to remove the transportation bottlenecks in coalfield areas having potential for enhanced production.

(5) Apart from above coal companies are making concerted efforts to reduce the production cost of coal by resorting to various measures viz. rationalisation of manpower, improvement in capacity utilisation, removal of bottlenecks in timely completion of coal projects, judicious planning, economy in expenditure, and maintaining good industrial relations.

(6) To take steps to improve the quality of coal through selective mining and beneficiation.

(7) To supplement the resources required for investment in new projects and infuse modern technology and management systems and practices by entering into joint venture for development of green field project.

(8) To integrate environmental & social mitigation measures with mine development plans.

(9) The Government is also planning to effect necessary legislative amendments to facilitate entry of private sector in commercial coal mining.

(d) & (e): The details of the total expenditure incurred on the development of Coal India Ltd including its subsidiariesand Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in Crores)

Company	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.		131.23	119.91	106.58
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.		172.02	102.18	62.74
Central Coalfields Ltd.		181.46	236.74	113.72
Northern Coalfields Ltd.		342.73	1080.20	250.66
Western Coalfields Ltd.		359.82	281.59	167.91
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.		309.74	594.40	204.14
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.		326.57	345.44	145.80
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.		2.91	5.76	3.35
Northern Coalfields Ltd. & Coal India Ltd.		5.49	3.44	4.42
Total - Coal India Ltd.		1831.97	2769.66	1059.32
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.		206.99	145.20	194.10
Grand Total		2038.96	2914.86	2253.42